

SCHOOLS



Dear Readers,

The 2009 Yearbook Staff would like to extend deepest apologies for the numerous errors in the 2008 Elbala. Many of these errors were careless and could have easily been avoided. The staff and school extend a special apology to the Sullivant family.

On a brighter note, the Elbala has a wonderful new staff with new editors and a new advisor. Each of the members will strive to make this yearbook live up to the expectations of students, parents and staff members of Elba City Schools.

Thank you,
Christy Laramore, Advisor
Shelby Brunson, Editor
Kayla Riels, Editor

Teacher Spotlight

by Richi Singletary

This week's teacher spotlight focuses on one of the new teachers at Elba High School, Ms. Betsy White.

Ms. White is the business/marketing teacher and the Spanish access lab facilitator. She is also head softball coach. This is Ms. White's first year as a teacher. She also owns her own softball training facility, "G-Force Competitive Training."

Ms. White graduated from Charles Henderson High School in Troy, Ala. in 2000. She went to Gulf Coast Community College, a Division I

Junior College, to play softball. She also attended Lipscomb University, a Division I softball and Ivy academic university.

Ms. White loves going home to her two dogs, Savannah and Samson, and two cats Tiger and Magellan.

"I enjoy working here and hope to be here for many years to come," Ms. White said. "There are some great and talented students and staff throughout the Elba City Schools System. I look forward to being an asset to the school academically and athletically."

The students and faculty of Elba High are thrilled that she has joined the school's team.

Cortlin Lee attends Rural Health Scholar Program

by Chessie Cross

This summer, Elba High School senior Cortlin Lee attended the Rural Health Scholar Program in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

The program lasted from June 1st through July 3rd, where 25 students entering their senior year participated in college life. They stayed in Rose Tower dormitory on the University of Alabama campus and ate their meals in on-campus dining halls.

Cortlin and the other students, all from rural Alabama schools, took chemistry and creative writing classes for four hours daily during the program. Their chemistry teacher, Dr. Scheiner, made sure they had several hours each week in a laboratory to practice using their new knowledge, and their

creative writing teacher, Stacy Gnull, made writing a fun learning process.

Cortlin said, "I really enjoyed writing. We didn't have to worry about following the rules of grammar because it really was about being creative. It was a fun class which I really looked forward to attending."

During the program, the students attended regular seminars to learn about health and medical fields, time management, college admissions and the University of Alabama. The group also took a trip to Mo-



Cortlin Lee

bile, where they toured the Gross Anatomy Lab at the University of South Alabama. While Cortlin sincerely enjoyed her class time, she also appreciated the free time the students had each afternoon. She took advantage of that time to find great places to eat, make new friends, and learn her way around Tuscaloosa.

Cortlin said that it really helped her to decide that she wants to go to school at the University of Alabama and

pursue a career in psychiatry. Cortlin said she really enjoyed being part of the program and looks forward to seeing all her new friends next fall.

Sr. Beta Club plans year of serving others

by Richi Singletary

The National Beta Club recognizes outstanding achievement, promotes character and social responsibility, encourages service involvement to school and community, fosters leadership skills, grants scholarships, and provides setting for a child to develop interpersonal relationship skills.

In order to qualify for Senior Beta, a student must make A's and B's, attend all meetings, and participate in all the club's activities. Senior Beta is only for students in grades 10-12.

The National Beta Club's motto is "Let us lead by serving others." This year the Senior Beta Club at Elba High School has planned a good deal of service.

In October, club members will participate in Pumpkins on the Square. In November, they will hold a raffle for Auburn and Alabama Christmas ornaments. In December, members will ring the bell for the Salvation Army.

The officers for this school year are as follows: Maizie Thomas, president; Dylan McCollough, vice-president; Kayla Riels, secretary; Jordan McBride, treasurer; Cortlin Lee and Megan Sullivant, historians; and Janice Ramsey, Homecoming chairperson.

Show your support for the Elba Tigers!!

Elba High School's F.C.C.I.A. club is selling yard signs and car magnets. If interested in purchasing one contact F.C.C.I.A. club sponsor Christine Wallock at 897-2256.



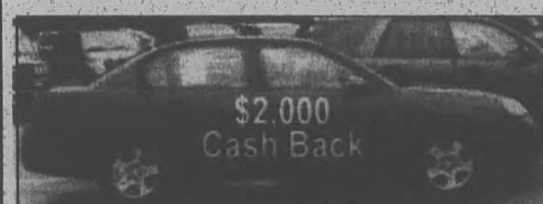
Elba High students Molly McGuire, Courtney Driggers, Kayla Riels, Taylor Creel, Lindsay McClung and Emily Driggers show off their Elba Tiger spirit by wearing boots last week during "Spirit Day." Students wore all kinds of boots to show off their spirit for the Elba Tigers as the 2008 Football season began.

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Elba W&E board votes to drill new water well

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba Water and Electric Board faced a problem Monday evening, Sept. 8, but accepted their responsibility and voted to proceed with drilling a new water well to replace the now closed down well at the river bridge.

That well was first put into use in 1961 and was supplying an average of 200,000 gallons a

day to users East of Pea River and up Highway 125 to the Coffee County landfill. Engineers estimate it will take at least ten months to get the new well permitted, drilled and in operation.

Until a new well is in operation, water is being transferred with a rented auxiliary pump through a fireplug in downtown Elba into the elevated tank that serves the above area. The emergency pump operates eight to nine hours a day to meet this need at a cost of \$11,000 plus diesel fuel ever 48 hours of operation.

Elba City Council votes to approve one-time payment for city retirees

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher



Dennis Coleman Water Superintendent

The Elba City Council followed the lead of state officials and approved a one-time lump sum payment to about a dozen city retirees Monday evening, Sept. 8, during the regular council meeting.

The payment, authorized by the Alabama legislature in lieu of a permanent pay raise, will be made in December. The retirees will receive checks ranging from \$122 to \$416, based on their previous salary and

A less expensive alternative is the recent purchase of an electrical pump. The total cost of this purchase will be \$23,000, which includes the necessary hoses and electrical connections. It should be shipped and in operation within the next three weeks.

Water Superintendent Dennis Coleman estimates the new well will cost somewhere between \$200,000 and \$250,000, based on estimates from one well drilling firm. Other esti-

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THE ELBA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT responded late Monday night, Sept. 8, to the scene of a house fire on Dunham Street (across from the Dorsey Trailers plant) in Elba. The fire was reported at approximately 11:22 p.m. Monday night, and flames were visible from the rear of the house. Firefighters arrived on scene within minutes of being dispatched. Immediately began working to extinguish the blaze. Upon arrival, the firefighters reportedly were told there might be someone in the home; however, that proved to be inaccurate as no one was home at the time of the fire. Firefighters were able to contain most of the blaze to the rear of the home, but the fire already had caused extensive damage to the structure. Also responding to the scene were members of the Elba Police Department and Coffee County EMS.

County Commissioners amend current budget for sheriff's department and jail

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Upon the request of Sheriff Dave Sutton, Coffee County Commissioners voted Monday morning, Sept. 8, to amend the current budget for the sheriff's department and county jail to cover expenses until the end of the fiscal year.

Sutton asked commissioners to amend the sheriff's department budget in the amount of \$68,000.60. The sheriff attributed the majority of his department's budget overage to fuel prices. Sutton also asked commissioners to amend the county jail budget in the amount of \$15,177 to closeout the fiscal

year. Commissioners approved both requests separately; however, neither vote was unanimous. Commissioner Doug Dalrymple voted against each motion to amend the budget.

Shortly after approving the requests from the sheriff to amend his current budget, the focus of the Monday's meeting turned to the Fiscal Year 2009 budget.

County administrator Kathy Lolley said much thought and work has gone into the proposed budget for FY2009 through several work sessions. On Monday, she presented the proposed budget for FY2009 before commissioners for approval.

Lolley said Coffee County's proposed budget for FY2009 equals \$17,159,456. She said this includes a cost of living raise for employees and an increase in the pickup fees for the county's roll-off service.

A motion to approve the FY2009 budget was approved by commissioners, but it did not receive a unanimous vote.

Commissioner Dalrymple again cast the lone opposing vote.

According to Dalrymple, there was at one point approximately \$200,000 in the budget for dirt road paving, but he said the budget approved Monday morning included zero funds for dirt road paving.

"To me, this is unacceptable," said Dalrymple.

He said he felt the removal of these funds from the budget was a slap in the face to him as well as a slap in the face to the people of District Four in which he represents.

Referring back to Monday's action to amend the current budget for the sheriff's department, Dalrymple said the county can find \$80,000 for overtime in the sheriff's department but out of a \$17 million budget can not find \$200,000 for dirt road paving. Again, he said he finds this to be unacceptable.

"I certainly don't support it

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Elba's chamber banquet set for Thursday evening, Sept. 18th

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual banquet Thursday evening, Sept. 18, at the National Security Conference Center, located on East Davis Street. The event will begin at 6:30 p.m.

This year, the chamber will honor its military friends from Fort Rucker. Deputy Garrison Commander George Steuber will be the guest speaker as he brings greetings.

Once again, the banquet will feature some of Elba's restaurants and other food vendors. These merchants will be showcasing their specialties for the evening meal with approximately 12 vendors participating in this event.

The banquet will also have an awards ceremony to honor some of those who have been willing to serve during the year to help make Elba the best place in Alabama to live.

Tickets are on sale now at the Chamber Office, 329 Putnam Street, or from any board member. The cost is \$17.50. All tickets must be purchased in advance.

Dress for the event is casual.

Title sponsor monument unveiled at Elba's Tiger Town Park

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Elba officials and citizens gathered Sunday afternoon, Sept. 7, at Tiger Town Park in downtown Elba for a very special ceremony.

"We're here for a very special occasion today," said Neil Gilmer, Kiwanis club member and Elba Playground committee member, as she opened the ceremony dedicating the title sponsor monument at the Tiger Town Park.

The construction of the Tiger Town Park was completed Sept. 24, 2006, and officials celebrated the playground's second anniversary by unveiling a monument recognizing the title sponsors for the project. Title sponsors recognized included: Jack Rushing Brunson in memory of his parents, William Matthew and Annie Rushing Brunson; National Security Insurance Group; Kelley Foods of Alabama Inc.; Kiwanis International, Alabama District Kiwanis; Senator Jimmy Holley and Representative Terry Spicer.

Gilmer thanked Heath and Jessica Wyrosdick, owners of Horizon Vault and Monument Company for the monument, which was placed at the entrance into the playground.

"We also have some exciting news today," said Gilmer as she introduced Elba Mayor James Grimes.

According to the mayor, the city applied for some grants several months ago and recently learned two have been awarded to help complete the overall playground project.

Mayor Grimes said a \$50,000

pavilion and amphitheater at Tiger Town Park.

Grimes said the construction of restrooms is the top priority. Following this announcement, the monument was un-

veiled, and the ceremony concluded with the release of balloons by children and adults commemorating the second anniversary of the playground in Elba.



UNVEILING THE MONUMENT: Garrett and Peyton Dunn, the children of Troy and Jill Dunn, officially unveil the title sponsor monument placed at the entrance of Tiger Town Park during a ceremony held Sunday afternoon, Sept. 7. Representatives of the title sponsors along with several other officials and citizens were in attendance for the special ceremony. The event was coordinated by Neil Gilmer, a Kiwanis Club member and Playground Committee member. She said the Dunn siblings were asked to participate in the unveiling because the idea to build a playground in Elba originated from their mother. Construction of the playground was completed September 24, 2006. During Sunday's event, Elba Mayor James Grimes announced the city had received a couple of grants that will aid further construction at Tiger Town Park. For additional photos from Sunday's event, look on Page 14 of today's paper.

Area Happenings

THE 2008 HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL SEASON continues Friday, Sept. 12, with the Elba Tigers playing host to Barbour County, the New Brockton Gamecocks traveling to Dothan to take on Houston Academy, the Zion Chapel Rebels hosting St. Jude, the Kinston Bulldogs hosting Providence Christian and the Brantley Bulldogs hosting Florida. Kickoff for all games is set for 7 p.m.

THE ELBA COMMUNITY BIRTHDAY CALENDARS are now on sale through Friday, Sept. 26. Contact any Elba elementary or high school band member or contact Kimberly McBride, chairperson of the Elba Band Boosters Band Calendar Sales, at 334-427-3476 (work) or 334-897-5160 (home).

THE ZION CHAPEL HOMECOMING PARADE will be held Friday, Sept. 26, at 1:30 p.m. Anyone interested in having a parade entry needs to contact Zion Chapel High School at (334) 897-6275 to obtain an entry form. The entry form needs to be returned before Sept. 19. No candy or toys should be thrown from the parade entries. Violators will be asked not to participate in the future.

MEMBERS OF THE ELBA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT will conduct their annual MDA Boot Drive on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 8 a.m. until 12 noon. The firemen will be located at various intersections within the City of Elba collecting funds for MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association).

THE COFFEE COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY will hold a meeting Tuesday, Sept. 30, at 7 p.m. in the community room at the New Brockton Farm Center. Local candidates will be speaking. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, call Eddie Vaughan at (334) 897-2273 ext 209 or 897-0395.

EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS[™]
With Ferrin Cox

Awareness does not end at death. That was the subject of an e-mail we received last week. Of course it was from a woman wanting to sell a book she had just written, but scanning the promo revealed it was too deep for our simple mind. You will not be reading about the second stage of awareness, etc. nor her "proof" theory in The Elba Clipper for two reasons. First reason... "How in the world did she prove it?" Then because we didn't understand her logic, we doubt most of our readers would either. That woman can sell her books to someone else.

Get a life! The Republicans are trashing the Democratic presidential ticket, their platform and their personal lives. The Democrats are doing the same to the Republican ticket, their platform and their personal lives. Each side gets help 24/7 from our fellow journalist. These folks feel they can't get headlines unless the stories are negative and/or revealing some scandal, real or imagined. Someone needs to have a heart-to-heart meeting and explain to each of these groups that this only serves to turn off the general population. We credit this negativism for the continued low voter turn outs on election day. It probably is a major reason so many well qualified citizens will not consider public service.

Elba city officials had good intentions to name the ultimate winner of the council seat vacated by the death of David Bandstra to his unexpired term. That is not to be. Alabama law requires the council name a replacement within 60 days. The governor can do it within 90 days, but that time has also passed. Thus Tommy Skinner can only observe municipal happenings, just like the rest of us, until November. Hopefully the mayor and other council members will go the extra mile to keep Tommy informed and get his opinions, even if it is informally. This will help him hit the ground running come November.

A Scottish mailman working in Frankfurt, Germany hoarded at least 20,000 letters at home because he felt his work was too taxing, according to police reports. A neighbor turned him in. The police said the 23-year-old man didn't deliver mail addressed to himself either. Wonder if we could credit this guy for the continued late deliveries of *The Elba Clipper* to out-of-town subscribers? It is doubtful, as we see the same results with the three daily and dozen or so weekly newspapers we get "irregularly" in our mail box. It is a shame to fuss like this because there are so many good, hard working people in the postal service but we all know the story of the few bad apples.

Right now the Republican Vice President nominee is credited with giving a forward boost to the John McCain forces, according to most polls. How long this will last or if the novelty will wear off before election day is anyone's guess. We surely don't know the answer. We agree that thus far she continues to be a bright, and interesting light in an otherwise dark political season.

We would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge this is the anniversary of that faithful day known to all Americans as... 9/11. Time passes, but hopefully our memories of those lost will not pass.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, September 1, 2008, investigated the following incidents: one for failure to provide a title, one for domestic violence, one for burglary, two for criminal trespassing, one for menacing, two for criminal mischief, one for damage to property, two for breaking and entering, one for a dog bite, one for a private property accident, one for harassing communications, one for driving under the influence, one for giving a false name, two for theft of property, one for delinquency to a minor, one for reckless driving and one for harassment.

The following arrests were made: one for breaking and entering a vehicle, one for driving under the influence, one for giving false information, one for criminal mischief, one for criminal trespassing and one for causing delinquency. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: three for an expired tag, one for violation of the noise ordinance, one for a suspended driver's license, six for not wearing a seat belt, nine for speeding, one for an expired driver's license, one for driving without first obtaining a driver's license, one for running a red light and one for no insurance.

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(the budget)," said Dalrymple. Also during his report Monday morning to commissioners, Sheriff Sutton said there has been an increase within the county of political signs being taken from private property. He warned citizens that such action is considered as theft of property, and those caught removing political signs from private property will be charged.

In other business, commissioners:

- Approved a motion giving permission to county engineer Randy Tindell to purchase a used tanker trailer in the amount of \$5,000.
- Approved a motion giving permission to Tindell to purchase a generator for the county's shop. He said this should cost about \$3,500 - \$3,700.
- Approved a motion giving permission to Tindell to purchase video-surveillance equipment for the landfill. He said in the past there has been some vandalism and attempted theft at the landfill, and he feels the purchase of this equipment will help deter such actions.
- Approved a motion made by Commissioner Robert Stephens to allow for the removal of the old gazebo on the courthouse property in Elba and replace it with a new one. He said this was a request from the Elba Chamber of Commerce and will be of no cost to the county.

The next Coffee County Commission meeting will be Monday, Sept. 15, at 9 a.m. in New Brockton.

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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 - Elba Fire Department dispatched in response to a fire alarm at Elba General Hospital (3:06 a.m.); Burglary (vehicle) reported at 649 Thomas St. (8:17 p.m.).

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 - Disturbance (crowd) reported at 427 Williams (4:48 p.m.).

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 - Disturbance (crowd) reported on Jackson St. (1:27 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 201 County Rd. 103 (12:36 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to a vehicle fire at Hwy. 84 and County Rd. 514 (2:54 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 615 Jackson (4:42 p.m.); Subject with a gun reported at 615 Jackson Ave. (9:42 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched in response to a fire alarm at Elba

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Coffee County Commissioners presented a proclamation Monday morning, Sept. 8, to the Wiregrass Food Bank declaring the month of September as "Hunger Action Month" in Coffee County. The proclamation noted the Wiregrass Area Food Bank's continued distribution of food in Coffee County and providing of meals to citizens in need. Coffee County Commission chairman Tom Grimley (right) presented the proclamation to David Hanks (left), representing the Wiregrass Food Bank.

Kim Ellis, Coffee County Commission candidate, District 2, releases the following statement:

"Over the weekend of June 6th through the 8th, I attended the first Bama Jam. The event was beyond all expectations and was an unbelievable success. The economic impact on Coffee County for that weekend alone was tremendous. I, along with over 100,000 other music fans, enjoyed great shows. After leaving the event, traffic was directed into a road block where I was cited for driving under the influence. I have resolved the issue with the District Attorney's office and have received no special treatment. I have paid my debt for the choice I made. I do not believe that I was a danger to myself or to others, however, I was over the legal limit and regret that I made that choice. I would like to apologize to my family and to the people of Coffee County for any embarrassment that I may have caused them."

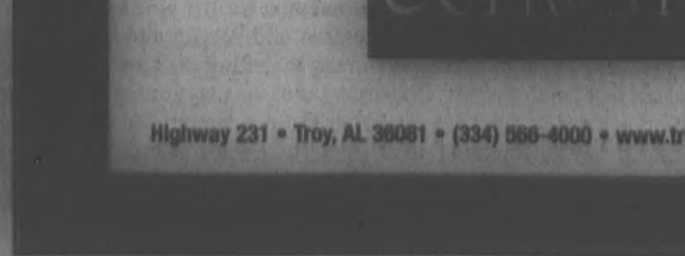
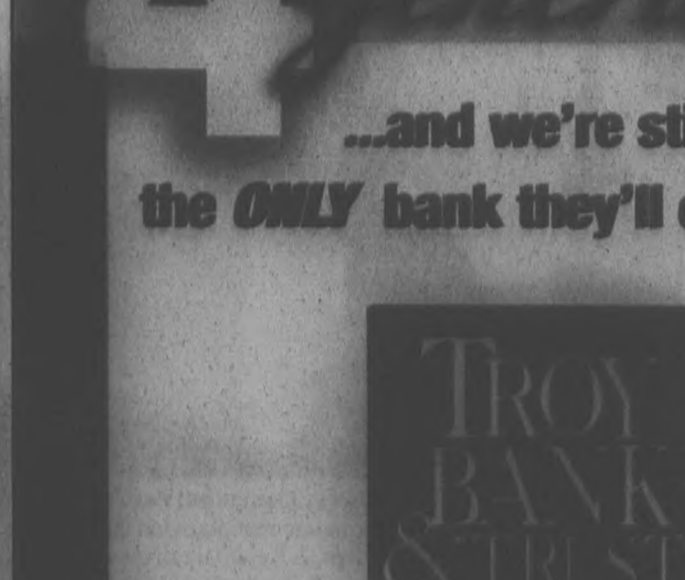
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Following the service, a covered dish lunch will be held in the church fellowship hall.

Everyone is invited to attend. There will be no evening worship service.

For more information call (334) 897-3828.
Basin Baptist Church is located on Highway 189 South of Elba.



Obituaries

Death notices updated regularly on our website at www.elba-clipper.com

ELENOR NOVELLE DEWBERRY

Mrs. Elenor Novelle Dewberry, age 55, of Elba, Ala., died Friday, Sept. 5, 2008, at Flowers Hospital in Dothan, Ala.

Funeral services were held Sept. 8, 2008 at Mt. Olive Baptist Church with Reverend Richard Moss and Reverend

Wayne Webber officiating. Burial followed in the Pine Level Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her husband: Tommy Glenn Dewberry, Elba; son: Kevin (wife Wendy) Dewberry, Pell City, Ala.; two granddaughters: Olivia Dewberry and Laurny, Elizabeth Dewberry, both of Pell City; mother: Merle Bozeman, Elba; father: Willie Edward Bozeman, Fairhope, Ala.; two sisters: Mary Lee Williams, Prattville, Ala.; Sandra Lynn Holland, Andalusia, Ala.; and one brother: John Edward Bozeman, Brantley, Ala.

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Mr. Gray was preceded in death by Beauford Gray Jr., Dupree Gray, Earnest Gray, Johnny Earl Gray, Michael Gray, Euwelle Lee Gray Jr., JoeAnn Gray, Margaret Gray and Joe Lewis.

Survivors include one son: Lomack Gray Jr. (Wendy), San Antonio, Texas; three daughters: Cheryl Gray and Michelle Wiggins (Trevell), both of Daleville, Ala.; Tonja Gray, Atlanta, Ga.; nine grandchildren: Danielle, Marakia, Jessica, Michael, Shamiya, Jehmia, Sophia, Taylor and Atrayana; two sisters: Lorene Hornsby and Gloria Ann (Gregory) Adams, Enterprise; four brothers: Billy Ray Gray, Sarasota, Fla.; Sammie Allen Gray, Douglas (Ruby) Gray and Jimmie (Wilma) Gray, all of Enterprise; and one Godson, Kyle.

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• ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday - 5:30 p.m. - City Hall
• WATER & ELECTRIC - Tuesday following 2nd Monday - 6 p.m. - City Hall
• ELBA MINISTERIAL ASSN. - Tues. - 8 a.m. Elba United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall
• GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. - Elba United Methodist Church - enter on side on W. Davis St. - Maggie Garrett Classroom
• COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION - 2nd & 4th Monday - Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
• LIONS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. - 6:30 p.m. - Senior Citizens Center
• ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 2nd Tues. - 5:30 p.m. - Supt. Office
• AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Tuesday of every month - 7:00 p.m. - Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
• MASONIC LODGE 170 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month - 7 p.m. - 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
• VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri 8-12 noon & 12:30-4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858
• COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. - 3 p.m. - Club House
• COFFEE REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon - Po. Folk's Enterprise
• ELBA AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 3rd Thursday at 5 PM, the FBO office at the Airport
• AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
• ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - 2nd & 4th Monday - 7 p.m. - Elba High boys locker room
• NEW SEASONS STUDY CLUB - Every 3rd Tuesday at 7 p.m.
• ELBA KWANS CLUB - 2nd & 4th Thursday - Noon - Elba Public Library

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Upcoming Event:

Tracy Grammer will appear in concert Saturday, Sept. 13, at Just Folk Coffeehouse in Elba. The concert is set to begin at 7 p.m.
Just Folk Coffeehouse is located on the square in downtown Elba next to the Jewel Box.
Tickets can be purchased at the Covenant Community Church office. For more information, call 897-2288.

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LIFESTYLES



Pea River Historical & Genealogical Society to meet

The Pea River Historical and Genealogical Society will meet on Sunday, September 21, 2008, in Room 100 of Talmadge Hall, Enterprise-Ozark Community College on Plaza Drive in Enterprise, AL.

The program will deal with Confederate Soldiers buried in Coffee County, AL. Presenters will be members of the General Rucker Chapter of United Daughters of the Confederacy. These ladies have recently completed a census of gravesites of all Confederate veterans who are buried in Coffee County.

The meeting is open to the public. All persons who may wish to know more about their ancestors who served in the CSA are urged to attend.

THE 2ND ANNUAL ROBINSON FAMILY REUNION was held last weekend, September 5-7, 2008 in Elba. The reunion was held at the Elba Recreation Center. Pictured are the descendants of Abraham Robinson Sr. (deceased) and Martha James Robinson of Elba. It was a glorious day in the history of the Robinson family.

Magnolia Home and Garden Club meets in the home of Mrs. Doris Mallory

The 2008-2009 year of the Magnolia Home & Garden Club began Thursday, September 4, 2008 at the home of Doris Mallory. Before the meeting session, the members enjoyed a most outstanding breakfast that Doris so graciously served.

The program was a timely presentation by Marty Harrelson from Wildflower Florist. Marty is a past president of the Alabama State Florist Association, and is currently serving on

its Board of Directors. He demonstrated many styles and sizes of table decorations, suitable for the coming winter holidays. The climax of Marty's process was making each of the members a personal arrangement to carry home. The club sent a donation to Marty's favorite charity for his service.

Janine Coles, president, presided at the business meeting. After the reading of the gardener's creed, the new program books were reviewed.

Marlene Willis, publisher of the books, was commended for such a wonderful job of putting them together.

The next meeting will be held on October 2, with Louise Hudson serving as hostess. The program will be on compost for the gardens. Anyone interested can attend. The meetings are not limited to members only. Guests are always welcomed.

Elba native, Henry Terry receives promotion

The Montgomery County Board of Education recently promoted Henry Terry to Fine Arts Educational Specialist for the school district. For the past 18 years, Henry Terry has directed the George Washington Carver High School Choirs. In this new position, he will supervise choral, band, visual art, drama and dance educators.

During his tenure as choral director at Carver High School, Terry led the school's choirs in concert tours and performances around the United States. One of the most memorable was a performance at the Julliard

School in New York. In 1997, Reader's Digest selected Henry Terry as a Hero in Education.

Henry is a product of Elba City Schools and a 1982 graduate of Elba High School. As a student in Elba, he studied piano with Gladys Yelverton. In this new position, he will supervise choral, band, visual art, drama and dance educators.

He directs the Carver High School Choirs. He earned the Bachelor of Arts degree in music with a concentration in piano and the Master of Music Education degree from Alabama State University. Terry earned the Educational Special-

ist degree from Auburn University, Montgomery. Henry credits his mother and aunt for his success - the late Annie Jo Terry and the late Henrietta Terry Howard.

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Shawanna Wright receives AHAEF scholarship
Shawanna Wright, a 2006 graduate of Elba High School, was recently awarded a \$3,000 scholarship to further her education. This scholarship was presented to her at the AAHRA (Alabama Association of Housing and Redevelopment Authorities) annual conference at Edgewater Resort in Panama City Beach, Fla. The scholarship is funded by donations to the AHAEF (Alabama Housing Authorities Education Enrichment Fund). Shawanna is the daughter of Lizzie P. Wright of Elba. She is a junior at the University of West Alabama and plans to become a pediatric nurse.

Revival services planned at Word of Faith Church for September 14-17

Word of Faith Church in Braselton will begin revival services, this Sunday, Bro. Mike Jefferson will minister in word and healing miracles. Services will begin Sunday, September 14, at 10:30 a.m., with a friends and family dinner to follow at 12:00 noon. There will be an evening worship service at 6:00 p.m. Monday, September 15 thru Wednesday, September 17, services will begin nightly at 7:00. Everyone is invited to attend these services.



Jane & James Hataway Hataway's celebrate 50th wedding anniversary on Saturday, August 16

James and Jane Hataway celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on August 16, 2008. They were given a surprise party by their children and grandchildren at Mount Gilead Baptist Church fellowship hall. About 100 family and friends came by to congratulate them. They received many lovely gifts. James and Jane have three children, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

NEW ARRIVAL

CARTER SHANE SPEARS



Carter Shane Spears was born on September 5, 2008 at Southeast Alabama Medical Center, Dothan, Ala. He weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long at birth.

Parents are Jonathan and Rhonda Spears of Wicksburg, Ala. Maternal grandparents are Ron and Valerie Stallard of Elba, Ala. Paternal grandparents are Jackie and Donna Inabnet of Florida, Ala.

Homecoming Reunion

The New Brockton High School Alumni Association will be having its Homecoming Reunion in the fall of 2009. To insure that all alumni receive an invitation, please send your address and/or email to Thomas Winston, Barefoot, 888 County Road 531, New Brockton, AL 36351 or barefoot@alaweb.com.

Pleasant Ridge Church to celebrate homecoming

Pleasant Ridge Church, south of Victoria, Ala. will hold Homecoming services on Sunday, September 28. Services will begin at 10 a.m., with a gospel singing with Old South-Gospel, Broken Strings, and The Wilkersons being featured. Preaching will be Bro. Larry Grimmon, Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Greater Washington Park in Montgomery.

The Alabama Veterans Living Legacy at American Village was created as a program to remember, respect, thank, and honor United States veterans, living and dead, and active members of the Armed Forces. The program includes plans to build a National Veterans Shrine, where individual and collective names, biographical sketches, stories, and photographs will be prominently displayed. This development is occurring concurrently with the opening of the new National Veterans Cemetery adjoining the American Village. Though not finalized at this time, plans are currently in the works to create a national Veterans Shrine, a Freedom Trail, and a Memorial Carillon and Amphitheatre as part of the Living Legacy program. This program ties directly to the July groundbreaking on land adjacent to the American Village which will be the site of the new National Veterans Cemetery.

The Republican Women to meet September 17th

The Republican Women of Coffee County will hold their monthly meeting/luceon on September 17th, 11AM to 1PM Social/Lunch/Program at Potomac in Enterprise. This month's speaker is Ryan Cantrell, the Alabama GOP Director of The Victory 2008 Campaign. Everyone is welcome. Call Jan White for reservations and info, 348-2451.

Elba Elementary School Menu	
Monday	Tuesday
Breakfast - Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Breakfast - Chicken Noodle Casserole, Butter Beans, Corn, Roll
Lunch - French Toast, Syrup, Link Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Lunch - Chili w/Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, 1/2 Orange, Milk
Wednesday - Breakfast Pizza, Syrup, Juice, Milk	Wednesday - Beef Nuggies, Potatoes, Au Gratin, Green Beans, Roll, Applesauce, Milk
Thursday - Breakfast Pizza, Syrup, Juice, Milk	Thursday - Hot Dog, Potato Wedges, California Vegetables, Ice Cream, Milk
Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk	Friday - Barbecue Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, English Peas, Roll, Sliced Peas, Milk

Deadline For Social News Is Monday!

Elba General Hospital signs contract

Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home CEO, Ellen Briley, has announced the signing of a contract with United Healthcare as a contractual 3rd party payer for the hospital and physician offices. The effective date of this contract begins September 15, 2008.

According to Mrs. Briley, people with United Healthcare as their group medical care insurance carrier, can use the local medical services and receive full insured benefits.

Elba residents can now personalize their God Bless America license plates

Key legislators announce personalized God Bless America license plate to benefit the Alabama Veterans Living Legacy at American Village. Elba residents can now personalize their God Bless America license plates. Key state lawmakers held a press conference this week to announce the availability of distinctive, personalized plates. This will be the first opportunity for Alabamians to add a personalized, "vanity" message to the God Bless America license plates. The personalized license plates are available immediately. All proceeds from the sale of these tags will benefit the Alabama Veterans Living Legacy Program at American Village. In 2008 the Alabama Legislature identified this program to honor Alabama's veterans and to teach students and youth the vital lessons of liberty as an essential foundation for good citizenship. Legislators participating in the unveiling included: Representative Mike Hill of Columbiana, Representative Jack Page of Gadsden, Senator Roger Bedford of Russellville, and Representative Steve Hurst of Munford.

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September is "OPEN HOUSE MONTH" IN THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH.

The Elba United Methodist Church invites you to come and worship with them. Sunday, Worship is at 10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. with Sunday School at 9:00 a.m. We also have youth and children's programs.

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SPORTS

VIEWS FROM...

THE PRESSBOX

BY RICKY MULARZ, SPORTS EDITOR

We've pretty much had two empty bedrooms ever since the girls went off to college. So, last week we decided to fill one on a part time basis when we welcomed a sixteen-year-old foreign exchange student from Germany. Jessica will be a junior at Elba High School for the coming year, and hopefully she will learn from us as we learn from her during her nine-month stay. We will get her out and give her the tour of our lovely little town when she gets settled in, and hope everyone will greet her and make her feel welcome and show her our famous "Southern hospitality."

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The Elba Tigers improved to 2-0 and claimed a big region win at the same time last week by posting an impressive 28-0 win over defending region champ Cottonwood. The Tigers missed two field goals and had a touchdown nullified by a penalty in the win, but still managed to score four touchdowns and recorded a rare shutout on defense to move atop the region standings. Perhaps the unsung hero in the win was senior Gavin Respress. Respress pulled in a 10-yard touchdown pass to give the Tigers an early lead, and had punt returns of 34 yards and 42 yards to set up Tiger touchdowns. Freshman linebacker Sandarius Reed had a big night on defense with 10 tackles and a sack, as did junior defensive end Richard Cooks, who had 6 tackles, one sack, a pass interception and a caused fumble. The Tigers are still a very young team and rely on many youngsters to help carry the load, but after two wins maybe they have grown up a little and will be veterans as the season rolls along.

*** The New Brockton Gamecocks edged G.W. Long 28-27 in a region game that was much closer than many had predicted. The Gamecocks were thought to have way too much speed for the lowly Rebels, but needed a banner night from running back Tevin McNair and some big plays on both sides of the ball to pull out the road win. Maybe it's time to remember that while the Gamecocks have a new coach they are still the same team that has struggled to post a winning season the past couple of years.

*** The Zion Chapel Rebels may have had an upset win on the road escape last week in a 21-7 loss to Goshen. The Rebels failed to take advantage of two big turnovers that could have led to two scores, and fell to 0-2 on the season despite playing their hearts out for all four quarters. Zion Chapel may be winless after two weeks and does indeed have a tough road ahead. However, the Rebels play hard and play with pride, and that combination should get them over the hump before long.

*** The Kinston Bulldogs saw their losing streak reach 17 games last week with a 67-0 loss to Geneva County and after two lopsided losses one has to wonder if the players and coaches can keep focused enough to steal a win and snap the streak. It has to be disheartening to work hard six days a week and lose by big scores on Friday nights, but that is what has happened to the Bulldogs. I know the players love the game and will work hard, and know the coaches will work hard and continue to teach the players the things that are needed to win. The guys down in K-town need a win, bad.

*** The Brantley Bulldogs posted a surprisingly easy 48-8 win over Providence Christian last week and after only two weeks have made it clear that they have every intention of remaining atop the standings in the region and being a team to reckon with in the 1A ranks. Many people thought the Bulldogs might be down a little this season and were primed to fall from their spot atop the region, but so far those predictions have looked way off track and Brantley looks just as good as ever. Time will tell. However, these Bulldogs appear just as impressive as those in the past.

*** A look around the state revealed a couple of upsets and a few surprises in week two action in high school football. The upsets included Andalusia falling to B.C. Rain 20-15 and Enterprise falling to Central, of Phenix City, 27-14, while some surprising results included carver pouring it on Greenville 40-18, Daleville thumping Geneva 29-14, Eufaula struggling with Booker T. Washington 7-0, Highland Home going blown out by Keith 34-7 and Smiths Station pounding Northview 44-21. Some results that weren't as surprising were Straughn's 42-32 win over Choctaw County, Arton's 40-8 walk past Pleasant Home, Luverne's 48-6 romp past Central of Hayneville and Pike County's 29-0 shutout win over Wicksburg. It was an interesting week and a wild start to the region wars across the area and the state.

*** The Kinston Lady Bulldogs entered last week's Andalusia Volleyball Tournament with a lackluster 3-3 record, but put it all to-

gether to claim four wins in the eight-team event and brought home the tournament championship. The Lady Bulldogs posted wins in the semifinals over Andalusia and Providence, and paid Providence back for two earlier losses already this season. It may take a while, but there is no doubt Coach Janie Wiggins and her girls will be the team to beat when the post-season actions tips off in a couple of weeks.

*** High school football programs have gone up in cost over the years as the cost of paper and ink have skyrocketed, but last week I heard the folks over at Providence Christian charged \$5 dollars for their program. The cover was pretty and it was very thick, but as one Brantley fan stated "If they are going to charge \$5 at least put in a copy of the visiting team's roster!" The rosters of every team in the state in every sport can be found at the AHSAA website under schools and then by going to directory. So, maybe before long the programs will simply be a fundraiser and not so much a necessary item for fans.

*** I heard last week that funds have been approved to do much needed drainage work at both the Elba High football field and the bottom fields that house baseball and softball. All the fields at Elba High are in need of work when it comes to getting rid of water, and maybe the funds will be used wisely and in the future a one inch rain won't threaten a game scheduled for days later.

*** In closing... I want to commend the Elba Tiger fans for making the long trip over to Cottonwood to support the Tigers and Marching Tigers. Elba had almost as many fans at the game as did Cottonwood and I guarantee you it made a difference in a tough game to hear the cheering and support coming from the bleachers. The season still has a long way to go, and I urge even more Elba Tiger fans to come out and support this very special team as it fights to win the region.

POLISH PROGNOSTICATOR PICKS PREPS

Ye Ole Polish Prognosticator stopped by the office a little earlier than usual over the weekend to drop off this week's predictions and were still shaking his head over the performances of both Alabama and Auburn. He admitted he was a little excited after the opening week wins, but after the week two struggles said it just looks like more of the same. He did praise Elba and New Brockton for getting their second win and winning their region openers on the road, and then threw down this week's picks and predicted the best was yet to come. Time will tell!

By the way, the local guesstest hit on 29 of his 38 picks last week to move his early-season totals to 45-15. Not a bad start, but I agree that his best is yet to come. Here goes....

ELBA VS. BARBOUR COUNTY

The Pea River felines return home Friday night to hunt some strange looking kitties from up river and hope to be able to add a region win without having to use up one of their nine lives. The felines are a little sore and banged up, but their claws are still sharp and they should have more than enough quickness to elude the kitties and send them to the litter box with loss number one.

ELBA 29 BARBOUR COUNTY 14

NEW BROCKTON VS. HOUSTON ACADEMY

The roosters from across the county lost a few feathers last week in a fight with some hungry soldiers over in Dale County and this week must travel back to the Wiregrass to battle even more troops. The roosters had more than enough energy to do some crowing after last week's big road win, but will have to sharpen their spurs and fly high Friday night to bring another win to the coop. Road-block #1....

HOUSTON ACADEMY 21 NEW BROCKTON 17

Elba Tigers host Barbour County Jaguars in battle of region leaders

The Elba Tigers will be looking to continue their early-season success and show off in front of the home folks Friday night when they host the Barbour County Jaguars in a key region contest on Mack Wood Field, at Tiger Stadium.

Elba will carry a 2-0 record into the region clash after wins over Opp 43-28 and Cottonwood 28-0, while Barbour County will also enter the game undefeated after claiming wins over Stewart-Quitman, Georgia 12-6 and Samson 12-6.

"It will be great to be back at home after two straight road games," said Elba's Coach Scott Rials, "but Barbour County will bring a 2-0 record into the game just like we will and both teams will be ready for a battle in an attempt to stay atop the region standings."

The two teams have never met in football, although Elba did post a 4-0 record against Clayton High School, which merged with Clio and Louisville to form Barbour County.

"Barbour County has a very athletic team and has become a solid football team the past two seasons under Coach Juan Williams," added Coach Rials. "On offense they will run out of multiple formations and try to use speed to break a big play, while over on defense they are very quick and meet at the football. They have a legitimate division one prospect in Devondrick Richardson, a 6-5, 230-pounder, and he is easy to

ZION CHAPEL VS. ST. JUDE

The Rebels from up at Fort Jack have been working hard to strengthen the gate before Friday night's clash with a band of pirates that hangs out along the Alabama River and word is they have an ambush planned for the river bandits. While the Rebs will have a few more troops than in weeks past, I am afraid the pirates might have a few too many weapons and could take home the win.

ST. JUDE 29 ZION CHAPEL 16

KINSTON VS. PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN

The bullpups from down near the county line got spanked hard and sent to bed without their supper last week after a trip to Hartford and should be hungry and determined to snap their long losing streak this week against some birds from over near the Circle City. While the pups should be much improved, it might not make much difference if the birds fly too high to reach.

PROVIDENCE CHRISTIAN 34 KINSTON 8

BRANTLEY VS. FLORALA

The bulldogs from across the river made it back to the pound full and ready to take a nap last week after a successful bird hunt over in the Wiregrass, and this week have been on a dirt getting ready to chase some mildcats back to the state line. The mildcats are very young and the guess here is they will be more than happy just to survive and to clock home late Friday night.

BRANTLEY 55 FLORALA 12

OTHER PICKS:

Arton 27 McKenzie 20
Sweet Water 60 Coffeeville 6
Geneva County 41 Pleasant Home 7
Cottonwood 26 Houston County 6
Excel 36 Red Level 22
Keith 38 Goshen 28
Reeltown 13 Highland Home 12
Leroy 45 Washington County 0
G.W. Long 18 Samson 16
Geneva 35 Abbeville 14
T.R. Miller 24 Bayside 3
Straughn 34 Cottage Hill 17
Daleville 34 Dale County 12
Pike County 39 Headland 6
Luverne 27 Choctaw County 20
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SPORTS



END OF THE LINE... Elba Tiger defensive end Richard Cooks (22) grabs a Cottonwood runner in the backfield for a big loss in last week's 28-0 win over the Bears. Closing in is Tyler Anderson (10). The Tigers will host Barbour County Friday night in a battle of region unbeaters.

Elba blanks Bears 28-0

by Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor
Photos by Mike Capps

The Elba Tigers made the long ride to Cottonwood Friday night and gave a large following plenty to cheer about as they blanked the Cottonwood Bears 28-0, in a key region contest.

The win upped Elba's record to 2-0, 1-0 in region play, while Cottonwood slipped to 1-1 with the loss, 0-1 against region foes.

Elba failed to move the chains on its initial possession, but got the ball back near midfield after a defensive stand at the Cottonwood 49 and promptly marched to a first down and goal at the Cottonwood 8-yardline. Michael Lindsey gained 14 yards on 2 carries and Carlos Matias added 6 yards rushing and 4 yards on a pass reception to lead the Tigers down the field.



JUST OUT OF REACH... Elba Tiger receiver Gavin Respress (18) dives for a pass that sails just out of reach in last week's 28-0 win over Cottonwood. Respress caught 4 passes for 35 yards and 1 touchdown in the big region win.



The Enterprise Cats, Travel Baseball team 12 & under, have recently traveled around the Southeast in tournament play. The Cats battled it out in Prattville to take home 2nd place in the Silver Division of the August - Meet in the Middle Baseball Tournament. They then traveled to Marianna, Florida where they captured another 2nd place trophy in the "Back to School Blowout 11." Members of the team include: (front row, left to right) Ronnie Champion, Aaron Fields, Christopher Simon, Matthew Marler and Zach Griffin; (middle row, left to right) Johnathan Crosby, Reid Rials, Jacob Sullivan, Chris Lusker and Van Motley; (back row, left to right) Coaches Chris Lusker, Marty Marler and Keith Simon. (Coaches not pictured: Austin Roberts, Jason Motley)

STATISTICS

	E	C
1st Downs	16	15
Rushes-Yds.	35-177	37-116
Passing Yds.	74	68
Total Offense	251	184
Turnovers	7-21-1	7-21-1
Fumbles/Lost	2/0	3/2
Punts-Ave.	3-36	3-33
Penalties-Yds.	9-72	6-36



Heavy pass rush from Elba Tiger lineman Jonathan Farmer (64) and pressure from teammate Sandarius Reed (11) result in a hurried pass by the Cottonwood quarterback. Elba blanked the Bears 28-0 to improve to 2-0 on the season with a home game against Barbour County next up on Friday night at 7 PM.



Elba Tiger linebacker Trey Belcher (24) scoops up a fumble and looks for room to run last week in the Tigers' big 28-0 region win over Cottonwood.



Elba Marching Tiger majorettes wowed the large crowd with their performance at halftime last week at the Elba-Cottonwood football game.

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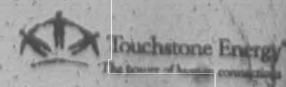
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NOWHERE TO GO... Elba Termite Tigers sack a Zion Chapel runner for a big loss in Tri-County Youth Football League action. Elba swept Zion Chapel, winning the Midlands 22-8, Termies 22-0 and Pee Wees 34-0. This Saturday night Elba will travel to Brantley with the first game to kickoff at 5:30.

(Mike Capps photo)

SPORTS

Grab big region win

Brantley Bulldogs ease past Eagles 48-8

by Greg Brunson
Photos by Janet Brunson

The Brantley Bulldogs opened defense of their Class 1A, Region 2 title Friday night in Dothan against the Providence Christian Eagles and rolled off a lopsided 48-8 victory behind the stellar performance of Anthony Gulley.

Gulley scored four touchdowns on returns of 78 and 72 yards, a 90-yard run and a 61-yard reception, and added a pass interception on defense. It only took the Bulldogs 15 seconds to get on the scoreboard as Anthony Gulley fielded the opening kickoff and raced 78 yards untouched for a touchdown. The extra-point try failed, but with 11:45 on the clock in the first quarter Brantley was already on top 6-0.

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Kinston Bulldogs clobbered by Geneva County 67-0

Statistics by Wesley Hunko
Photos by Mike Capps

The Kinston Bulldogs traveled to Hartford last week for a Friday night doffight against the Geneva County Bulldogs and never had a chance as they fell to 0-2 on the season after absorbing a 67-0 road loss.

Geneva scored on its initial play from scrimmage on a 56-yard run by Reggie Jones to give the hometown Bulldogs an early lead, and Patrick Fondren kicked the extra-point as Geneva County went ahead 7-0.

Rico Reese tossed a 10-yard touchdown pass to Kevin Key and Fondren kicked the extra-point with 4:13 remaining in the first quarter as Geneva County upped its lead to 14-0, while Reese added a 24-yard scoring pass to Reggie Jones with 1:44 left in the quarter as the score went to 20-0.

Kevin Key scored on a 35-yard run with 10:41 remaining in the second quarter and Reggie Jones ran in the two-point conversion to put Geneva County on top 28-0, and with 7:22 left on the clock the Bulldogs pushed their lead to 35-0 as Chris Lett scored on a 12-yard run and Fondren added the

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Providence Christian continued to move the ball on its ensuing possession and drove to a first down at the Brantley 11-yardline, only to be turned back once again, this time on a pass interception by Anthony Gulley at the Bulldog 2-yardline.

Five plays moved the ball out to the 39-yardline, where Chase Hall went to the air and completed a pass to Anthony Gulley at the Providence 35. Gulley reversed his field after pulling in the pass and raced into the endzone to complete the 61-yard touchdown toss, and Britt Barnes kicked the extra-point to put the Bulldogs ahead 27-0 with 7:41 remaining in the second quarter.

Brantley managed to add to its lead before the end of the half when Stephen Walker capped a seven-play, 53-yard drive with a 3-yard touchdown run. Barnes added the extra-point, and when the half ended, Chase Hall capped the scoring drive with a 21-yard touchdown toss to Chris Walker, and although a two-point try failed, Brantley's lead was up to 12-0 with 5:33 remaining in the opening stanza.

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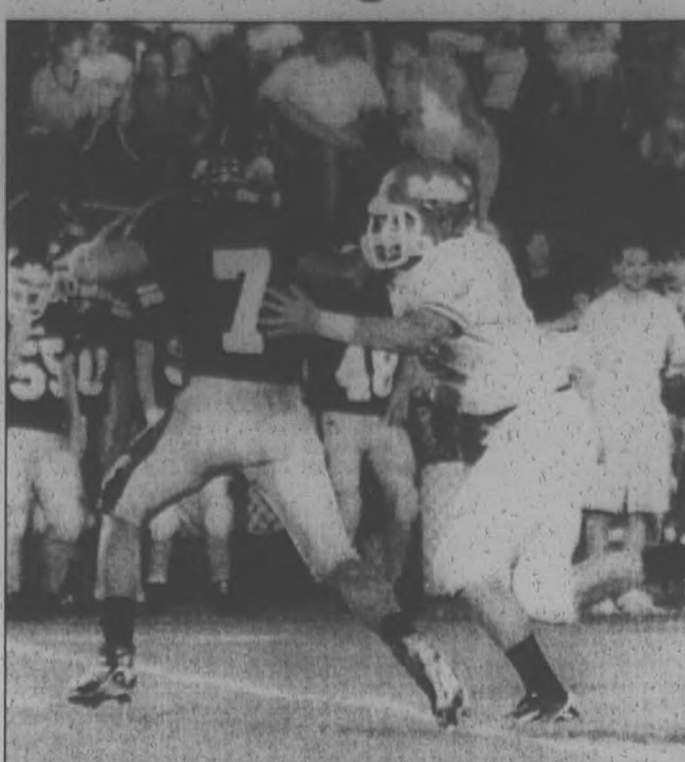
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BULLDOG PASS RUSH... A Brantley defensive lineman applies a heavy pass rush to Providence Christian quarterback in last week's big 48-8 region win. Friday night the Bulldogs will host Florida in a region clash.

by making the score 41-8 with 5:41 remaining in the game. Brantley took the ensuing kickoff from its own 35-yardline and marched 65 yards in nine plays to score the final points of the night. Devontray Porter scored the touchdown on a 38-yard run around the right end, and Britt Barnes kicked the extra-point to give the Bulldogs the win by the final score of 48-8.

Anthony Gulley gained 117 yards on 23 carries, had 2 kick returns for 150 yards, made one catch for 61 yards and scored 4 touchdowns to lead Brantley,

while Chase Hall completed 5 of 6 passes for 116 yards and 2 touchdowns and rushed 4 times for 38 yards. Porter added 69 yards on 6 totes. Preston Jones led Providence with 176 yards on 14 carries.

STATISTICS

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16	1st Downs	15
30-330	Rushes-Yds.	46-258
116	Passing Yds.	90
446	Total Offense	348
5-70	Passes	71-62
175	Return Yds.	119
5-50	Penalties-Yds.	0-00
2-47	Punts-Ave.	2-41

extra-point. Rico Reese tossed a 17-yard scoring pass to Reggie Jones with 5:50 left in the half and connected with Kevin Key from 24 yards out with 1:27 remaining as Geneva County continued the offensive fireworks, while Fondren added one extra-point as the Bulldogs went in at the half with a lopsided 48-0 lead.

Geneva County's Julian Ammons got in on the act with 7:27 remaining in the third quarter and scored on a 10-yard run to up the Bulldogs' lead to 54-0, while the lead went to 60-0 with 2:33 remaining in the third quarter after a 69-yard touchdown dash by Desmond Lett.

Geneva County's final score came with 6:51 remaining in the game on a 48-yard interception return by Desmond Lett, and this time Patrick Fondren made the score go to 67-0 to make the final score Geneva County 67 Kinston 0.

Jr. Fleming gained 40 yards on the ground to lead Kinston offense, while Dexter Hayes had a quarterback sack that resulted in a 19-yard loss to spark the Kinston defense. Taylor Davis had 6 tackles and Jayson Kelley had 5 stops.

The Lady Bulldogs advancing to the finals with a 25-19, 25-18 win over Andalusia. Kinston met Providence Christian in the finals and this time came out on top, winning 25-19, 18-25 and 17-15.

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Zion Chapel Rebels ambushed by Goshen 21-7

Statistics and photos by Chris Winters

The Zion Chapel Rebels battled for all four quarters Friday night in Goshen before falling to the Goshen Eagles 21-7, in the region opener for both teams.

The loss dropped the Rebels' record to 0-2, 0-1 in region play, while the win upped the Eagles' record to 1-1, 1-0 in region competition.

Zion Chapel put the ball in play at its 35-yardline after the opening kick sailed out of bounds and the Rebels wasted little time heading down the field. A 21-yard gain by Matt Brunson around left end got the Rebels off to a fast start, while two carries by Lance Walden and one by Garrett Stinson gave the Rebels a first down at the Goshen 18-yardline. The next three plays left Zion Chapel facing a fourth down and two, and the early scoring opportunity went by the scoreboard when on fourth down the Rebels were stopped short of the chains.

The two region rivals swapped punts on their next possessions, but Goshen began its second series at the Zion Chapel 45-yardline and this time needed only five plays to reach the endzone.

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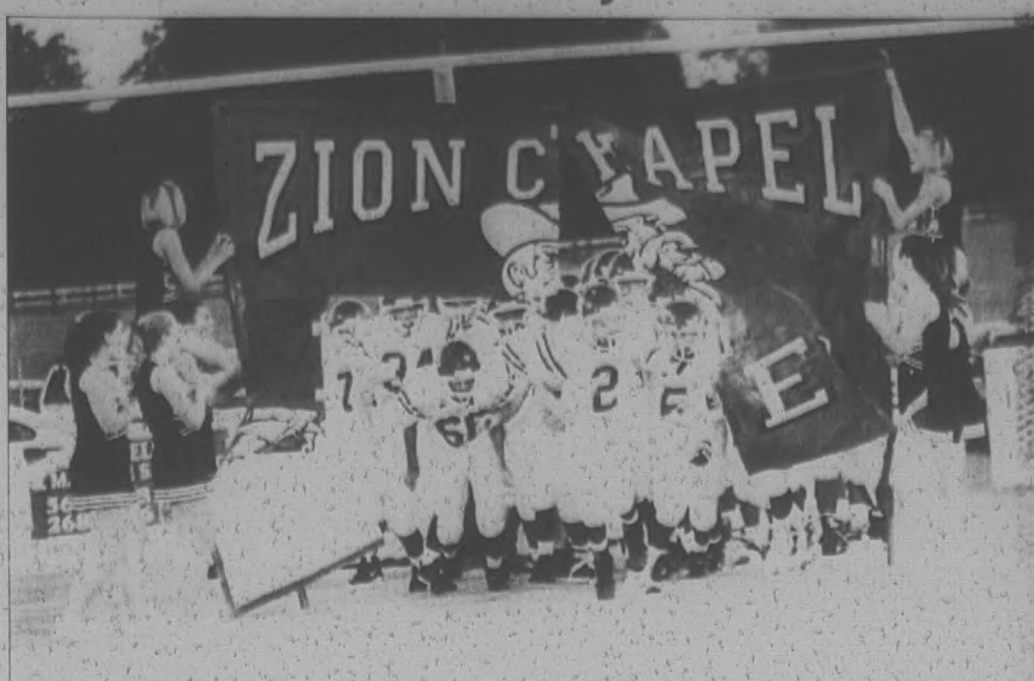
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A STROLL IN THE PARK... For Brantley head football coach David Lowery as he watched his Bulldogs roll past the Providence Christian Eagles 48-8 last week in region football action.

Region clashes continue in week #3 for area teams

The high school football season will kickoff its third week of action Friday night and for area teams this week's games will bring with it a return to the region wars. Following is a preview of this week's area games:

(2-0) New Brockton at (2-0) Houston Academy

The New Brockton Gamecocks and Houston Academy Raiders will butt heads Friday night at Dothan's Westgate Park in a battle of undefeated teams looking to remain atop the region standings. This will mark the 15th meeting between the two gridiron rivals, with Houston Academy holding an 11-3 edge in wins and eight game-winning streak. The Raiders have dominated play during the streak, outscoring the Gamecocks 265-60, and will enter the game with a 2-0 slate after opening the season with wins over Providence Christian 17-14 and Houston County 35-14. New Brockton will also enter the game with a 2-0 slate after wins over Zion Chapel 31-6 and G.W. Long 28-27, and has been led by Tevin McNair with six rushing touchdowns and the passing combination of Hunter Cauley to Seth Culverhouse. The winner of this game will take a big step toward the state playoffs and both teams will no doubt be ready for the challenge.

(1-1) Saint Jude at (0-2) Zion Chapel

The Zion Chapel Rebels will be looking to get a much needed region win Friday night when they host the Saint Jude Pirates at Green Memorial Stadium, in Jack. The meeting will be only the third ever between the regional rivals, with the Pirates winning 36-22 in 2004 and the Rebels winning 35-24 in 2005. Zion Chapel has struggled in early-season play with losses to New Brockton 31-6 and Goshen 21-7, while Saint Jude lost its opener to Alabama Christian 34-27, but bounced back last week to defeat R.C. Hatch 55-14. The Rebels will be hungry for a win Friday night, while the Pirates will be looking to go 2-0 in region play. This game should be hotly contested and should be one that isn't decided until the final quarter of play.

(0-2) Providence Christian at (0-2) Kinston

The Kinston Bulldogs will be looking to snap their 17-game losing streak and move up in the region standings Friday night when they host the Providence Christian Eagles, at Bulldog Stadium. It will mark the third meeting ever between the regional rivals, with the

SCHOOLS



Tiger Tales

News from
Elba City Schools

Teacher Spotlight

by Kiera Robertson

This week, the teacher spotlight is on Coach Alonzo Barkley, who is new to Elba High School.

Coach Barkley graduated from Mainland High School in Daytona Beach, Fla. He then attended the University of Alabama in Huntsville, where he played basketball while earning a B.A. degree in psychology. He later attended Troy University in Dothan and earned a B.S. degree in general social sciences. He is currently in the final stages of the Master's in Education program at Troy University.

Before becoming a teacher, Coach Barkley spent four years as an aide for the special education program at Enterprise Junior High. He began his teaching career at Elba High this year, where he teaches social studies to students in seventh through ninth grades. He also serves as the head coach of the Varsity Boys basketball team and assistant coach for the junior varsity football team.

Before beginning his teaching career, Coach Barkley traveled around the world playing professional basketball for the Harlem Ambassadors International Show Basketball Team. The program is part of an initiative to help kids remain drug-free and get a college education, and every player on the team had a college degree. As a member of the team, he was able to travel to almost all



Alonzo Barkley

50 states and to Europe. Coach Barkley enjoys teaching at EHS, and he says, "The students here are respectful. It's a welcomed change from places I've been in the past."

One interesting fact about Coach Barkley is that he was cut from his high school basketball team five times, but he never gave up. He finally made the team his junior year, and the next year he was able to get a basketball scholarship to college. He says that nobody should give up on their dreams because even if they seem unreachable, if you work hard enough, one day you'll reach them.

When not coaching, teaching, or taking graduate classes, Coach Barkley enjoys spending time with his wife and children and mentoring young boys and girls in his community. He also works with the youth in his church, Glory to Him Family Church in Ozark.

Student Spotlight

by Richi Singletary

This week's student spotlight is on Kayla Rials.

Kayla, a junior at Elba High School, is very involved in on-campus clubs and athletics. She is vice president of the Student Council Association, vice president of the junior class, Senior Beta secretary, and the editor of the 2009 *Elbala*. She is a cheerleader and plays softball and volleyball.

Kayla also excels in her studies and says her favorite subject is English. She is a hard-working individual.

One of her teachers says, "Kayla is always willing to help others, but only if she sees and knows that they are trying to help themselves."

Not only is Kayla a three-sport athlete, but her efforts on the playing field have been noticed by people outside Elba as well. She is the 2008 Universal Cheerleading Association's Jump-Off Champion; and as a four-time UCA All-Star Cheerleader, she will cheer in the 2009 New Year's Day Parade in London.

Kayla has continually been a remarkable ambassador for EHS, and her positive spirit and



Kayla Rials

dedication to hard work have certainly helped her succeed. When not cheering, practicing or studying, she enjoys watching college football.

Kayla is the daughter of Scott and Lisa Rials.

Correction:

On last week's Tiger Tales page, Emily Miller was incorrectly identified as Emily Driggers in the outline for the Spirit Day photo. The staff of The Elba Clipper regrets and apologizes for this error.

Elba Elementary implements "Tigers with Character" Club

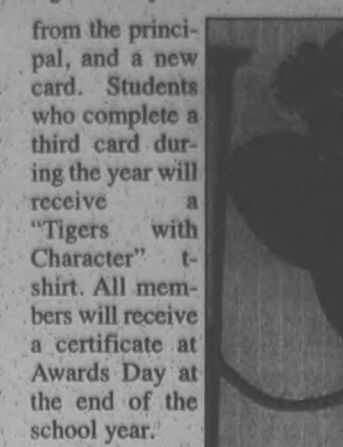
by Kiera Robertson

Elba Elementary is trying a new remedy to get the students to be respectful to each other and teachers, show self-discipline, and to get every student involved with each other.

The "Tigers with Character" club will be the most prestigious organization on the campus. Students may enter the club by displaying in work or deed each of the Six Pillars of Character - (TRRFCC) trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship.

When a student's card is completely filled with all these character traits, the student will be eligible for the club. Here are some of the guidelines students must follow to become eligible for the "Tigers with Character" club:

- Students may write a report on one character trait for each card. When a student's first card is completed they will receive a "Tigers with Character" dog tag necklace, recognition



from the principal, and a new card. Students who complete a third card during the year will receive a "Tigers with Character" t-shirt. All members will receive a certificate at Awards Day at the end of the school year.

- Homeroom teachers will keep the TRRFCC cards in possession. Extra teachers (reading, resource, library, P.E., etc.) will complete a "Tigers with Character" summary and give it to the homeroom teacher when

home.

- Guidelines will be explained to the students in an assembly and to parents in a letter at the beginning of the school year.

EES gets grant to help sponsor "Tigers with Character"

by Kiera Robertson

Elba Elementary School was awarded a \$1,960 "Sprint Ahead for Education" grant for the 2008-2009 school year to help



EHS Student Council Association looks forward to exciting school year

by Richi Singletary

The Student Council Association's officers and representatives are responsible for promoting school pride and student involvement each year. Representatives have recently been elected and are looking forward to an exciting year.

The 2008-2009 Elba High School SCA has a lot planned to benefit the school and community throughout the school year. One of the first things the organization will do is sell spirit shirts to EHS students. The baseball-style shirts will say "Elba" on the front, and the backs will sport the year of the graduating class.

Also this semester, the SCA plans to raise money to purchase a new sound system for the gym. The organization will host a blood drive, sponsored by the Red Cross, this fall.

To encourage student involvement in the community, the group will sponsor a school-wide food drive to benefit the Department of Human Resources. To round out the semester, they will hold a toy drive, also benefiting

ting DHR, in December. With the leadership of the officers, the EHS Student Council looks forward to another great year.

Officers are: Cortlin Lee, president; Kayla Rials, vice president; Jolo McBride, secretary/treasurer; and Lindsay McClung, historian.

Representatives are:
7th grade: Morgan Matthews, Tyler Bobbitt, Anna Bowers, Saeg Johnson, and Ben Cash.

8th grade: Austin Johnson, Dana Bradshaw, Lucas Simpson, Harry Griffin, Ashley Foster and Ashton Senn

9th grade: Karizmah Yalverton, Aaliyah Horstead, Tamara Burks, Chase Sauls, Seth Hanchey and Cordesha Hooks

10th grade: Bethany Wilson, Sydney Crittenden, Molly McGuire, Megan King, Kendra Siler and Keila Miller

11th grade: Kerl Jones, Brittany Whitehead, Taylor Creel, Janae Camley, Colton Vaughan and Emily Miller

12th grade: Jason Mitchell, Ashley Bailey, LanChessica Cross, Maisie Thomas, Meredith Brunson and Richreana Singletary.

FFA plans various activities for 2008-09 school year

by Lanchessica Cross

The Future Farmers Association (FFA) at Elba High School has a history of supporting the farming community in Elba and developing a love of the land in students.

The FFA currently has two community service projects going on: they enjoy helping build the Habitat for Humanity house in town and worked toward securing a tiger statue, which will be placed outside the commons area of the school. They are also developing a forestry arboretum.

The club will host various activities throughout the year, including the annual fruit sale during the month of October.

The fruit will be delivered the week after Thanksgiving.

The club will hold a peanut boil and hamburger supper in the fall. In February, they will participate in National FFA Week, and in the spring they plan to participate in both the County and District FFA Career Development programs.

The FFA members will have a very busy year with all the trips they have planned, such as a leadership conference in Montgomery at the end of this month and an Ag Expo in Moultrie, Georgia in October.

The FFA officers for the 2008-

sponsor the "Tigers with Character" program.

"Tigers with Character" will become a school-wide initiative aimed at rewarding students for demonstrating positive character. After successful implementation of this project, there should be a reduction in discipline referrals and incidences of bullying.

Upon completion of the project, teachers should have fewer discipline problems, leaving more time for instruction. The increased instructional time will give way to increased test scores.

"Tigers with Character" is much needed and will be welcomed at Elba Elementary. The grant will be used to give "Tigers with Character" t-shirts and memorabilia to each student and to purchase supplies, including digital cameras, to help teachers implement the program.

In the closing remarks of the award letter, President and Executive Director of the Sprint Foundation, Ralph Reid, said "Thank you for your continued dedication to improving student character and development in our schools. Sprint is proud of all that you do to help students reach their potential."



EHS Junior Beta Club involved with shrubbery project at Tiger Stadium

by Richi Singletary

The Elba High School Junior Beta Club has a rich history of supporting academics and school spirit at EHS.

The group, comprised of students in grade seven through nine, devoted time and money last year to planting decorative shrubbery in the end zone of Mack Wood Field at Tiger Stadium. Club sponsors, Mrs. Akridge and Mrs. Curtis, made

sure the "EHS," spelled out in bushes, was in the perfect position to be viewed from almost any place in the stadium.

In order to qualify for this club, a student must maintain an overall A/B average.

"Welcome Buddy" system utilized at Elba Elementary

by Lanchessica Cross

The Elba Elementary School has started a new "Welcome Buddy" system. Students who are part of this program will be models for new students at EES.

When a new student enrolls, the "Welcome Buddy" from that student's class is called to the office to meet the new student.

The "Welcome Buddy" takes the student on a tour of the building, stopping at the library, nurse's office, gym, pencil store, office, restrooms, lunchroom, and the classroom. When the tour is completed, the "Welcome Buddy" takes the student back to the office, then goes to the classroom and helps the teacher get prepared for the new student by getting the desk and textbooks ready for them.

The "Welcome Buddy" helps the new student to learn the policies and procedures of the classroom, make new friends, and learn about the opportunities they have to participate in extra-curricular activities.

A student who becomes a "Welcome Buddy" is selected by his/her outgoing personality, knowledge of school policies and procedures and outstanding behavior.

Posters should be submitted to the office at EES no later than 3 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 26. Students may not submit more than one poster.

Bryan Pharmacy opens in Elba



Elba High School graduate Brett Bryan, and wife Nicki Bryan, owners, Craig Stinson and Pam Driggers will be staffing the new pharmacy.

BRETT'S PROMISE TO YOU

"We don't have customers, we have friends," says Brett Bryan, Rph (registered pharmacist) and owner of Bryan Pharmacy. Strong, individualized personal attention tailored to each patient's needs best describes the mission of this locally owned, independent

pharmacy. "We treat people like we would want to be treated, and in the same way we would want our loved ones treated. Over time, our customers become like our family. We stress the personal touch in a day of large chain-pharmacies by developing a hometown atmosphere of caring to our customers."

By developing this "talking relationship" with his customers,

Bryan learns each patient not only a technical sense, but a caring and competent manner. According to Bryan, when a person's pharmacist does not know the patient individually, there's a real danger the person's healthcare is compromised. People should use only one pharmacist, and that pharmacist should know the patient's medical history as much as possible. Bryan Pharmacy stresses consultation with patients by his staff whether for over-the-counter medication or a medical prescription. Bryan Pharmacy employs Pam Driggers and Craig Stinson, in addition to Brett & Nicki Bryan, who share pharmacist duties.

Lower prescription prices, prescription compounding, hospice expertise, natural hormone replacement therapy and acceptance of Worker's Compensation claims for prescription medications are just some of the reasons a person would choose Bryan Pharmacy. "We take all types of medical insurance to include: Medicaid, Medicare Part D, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, all state and federal programs as well, Tri-Care, Med-Co, etc. Of particular interest, DME (Durable Medical Equipment) consisting of breathing medication and diabetic supplies are available through Bryan Pharmacy, and they also deliver them. The pharmacy will also bill Medicare/Medicaid for the DME, as well as general billing for all patients' health-care insurances.

"If we don't take your insurance, we will make every attempt to become enrolled in your plan. We will not turn away anyone."

The Bryans emphasize the importance of a pharmacist being "on the front line" protecting the public regarding the consumption of prescribed and over-the-counter medications. Knowing the patient through individualized knowledge of that person allows us to best serve them. Also Brett is a compounding pharmacist, certified by the Professional Compounding Centers of America. I can make medicines to meet a particular patient's needs, whether it be a hospice patient needing a Transdermal cream or sublingual substance due to an inability to swallow, or a child needing something "better tasting," I can do it.

Brett and Nicki both are graduates of Auburn University's School of Pharmacy. Brett is also a 1989 graduate of ELBA HIGH SCHOOL. Nicki is a graduate of Brantley High School. Brett and Nicki both worked for area chain stores before opening Bryan Pharmacy in Enterprise in 2003. Store hours for the Elba store are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.; Saturdays from 9 a.m. until 1 p.m. Closed on Sundays. Our new web site will be open 24 hours a day, seven days a week!

Brett would also like to introduce the worldwide web to the same great customer service our friends have come to expect from us in Enterprise. We will be selling vitamins, herbs and supplements via our new web site. We will mainly sue our web site as a source of information and contact for our current customers, but will welcome anyone! Please do not hesitate to contact us should you encounter any questions.

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Early endorsements of the new Bryan Pharmacy in Elba

"Bryan Pharmacy has convenient hours and the staff is courteous and helpful. They always have what I need and I rarely have to wait more than a few minutes to get my prescriptions. If I can't get to the pharmacy, they deliver the medications to my house. They always take the time to ensure that I am properly informed about the medication I was prescribed. I really appreciate the professionalism of Brett and his staff."

Brian & Marsha Free

The Southeast Alabama Gazette, is pleased to see Brett Bryan Pharmacy locate its new Pharmacy in the city of Elba, his hometown, and we urge all of our readers in Elba, to visit with him and give him the support he deserves.

Hillard & Ann Hamm, Publishers

I am proud to say I was Brett's first boss. He work his prescripship time with us at Whitman Drug Co. and I was quick to see that he loved and related well with customers and coworkers. He fills prescriptions with confidence and privacy. He has good relations with all MDs and never hesitates to call in regards to a prescription or for a customer. I just wish I was younger for I would return to work and have him for my boss.

Ibelle Oggs

I am so excited to be working in Elba again. I have seen many old customers and friends and hope to see many more of you real soon. I have enjoyed working at Bryan Pharmacy in Enterprise and I am looking forward to working in the new Elba store.

Pam Driggers

Bryan Pharmacy has met my prescription and OTC needs ever since Brett opened his store in Enterprise. My family and friends value his one on one service he gives to us. He is truly a pharmacist who treats you as a friend not a customer. I don't feel you will find a staff more caring and dedicated, they will go out of their way to help you save money and acquire what you need. Best wishes in opening your new store. The town of Elba is Blessed to have you as their Pharmacist as I am.

Oneather (Peanut) Smedley

Going to Bryan Pharmacy is like visiting friends.

Gerald Nelson

Bryan Pharmacy is a caring and helpful pharmacy.

Sharon Williams

I am so happy that Bryan Pharmacy has come to Elba.

Merlene Owens

The drive-thru window makes dropping off and picking up Rx's so easy and convenient.

Jane Hudson

It's nice to walk into a business with a hometown feel where they call you by name.

Katie Eddins

I love going to Brett's because I don't have to wait very long. Everyone is nice and friendly. I think everyone should go to Bryan Pharmacy because it's a nice place to go to.

Mary Louise Hornsby

Bryan Pharmacy is the fastest and friendliest in the county.

Gary Gibson

I am so happy to have Bryan Pharmacy in Elba.

Joan Ward

The service at Bryan Pharmacy is outstanding.

Ed Compton

You can always depend on Bryan Pharmacy.

Charlotte Hobson

I've always been able to depend on Bryan Pharmacy for all my Rx needs.

Dixie Dorsey

We would like to say how excited we are that Bryan Pharmacy has chosen to open a new branch in Elba. We have been Brett's customers for a number of years now, and with the addition of the Elba location, getting to our favorite Pharmacy will be easier than ever. Brett and his entire staff are friendly and courteous and have always made our family feel as though we were a part of theirs.

Stevie and Denise Sauls

In Bryan's Pharmacy I'm treated like a friend and not just a customer. They always been excellent at helping me with any questions or concerns that I've had with my prescriptions. They even have after hours customer support in case you have an emergency.

Kim McBride

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- *My wife is an alumna of the Coffee County School System.
- *I have lived my entire life in Coffee County's District One.
- *I am a certified teacher rated "Highly Qualified" by the State of Alabama.
- *I have genuine, real-world, present-day teaching experience in Alabama's public schools.
- *Our children are fourth-generation members of our family attending Coffee County Schools.

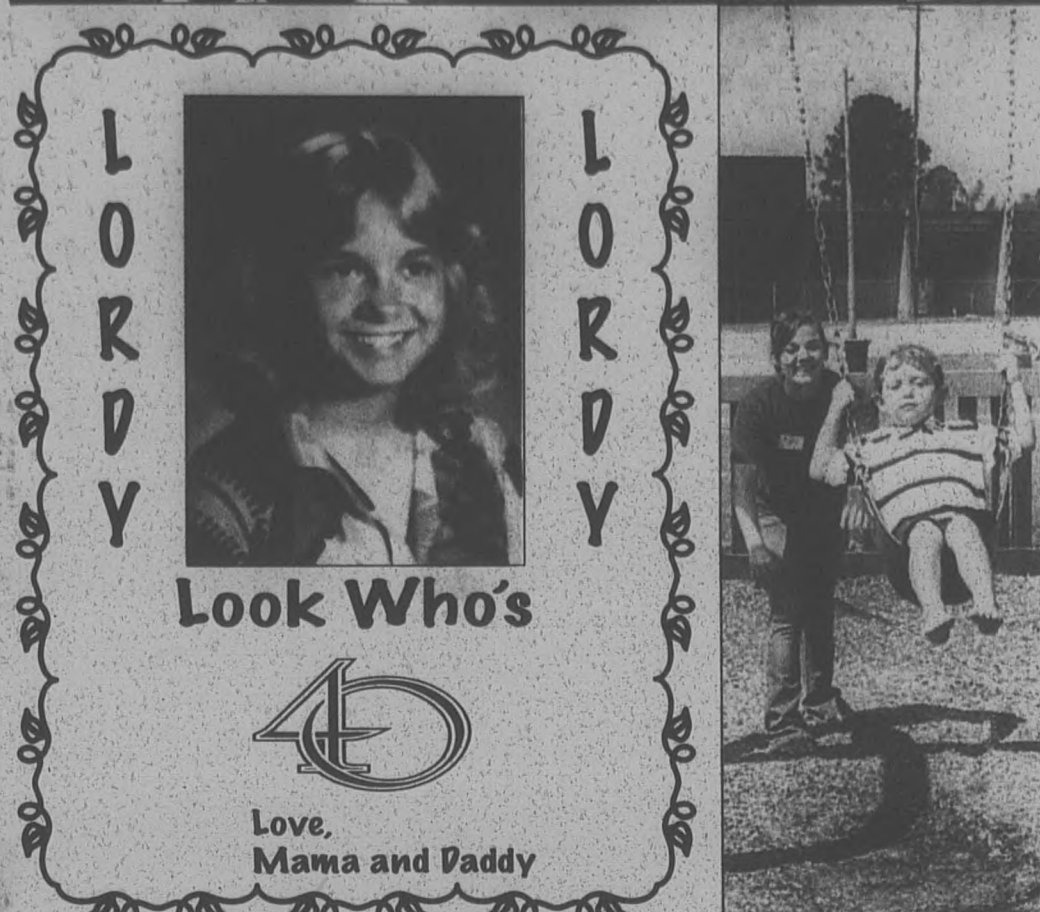
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Because parents know what's best for their children, and parents should be the ones making the decisions about our children's future.

Joseph "Joey" Arnold
Coffee County Board of Education District One
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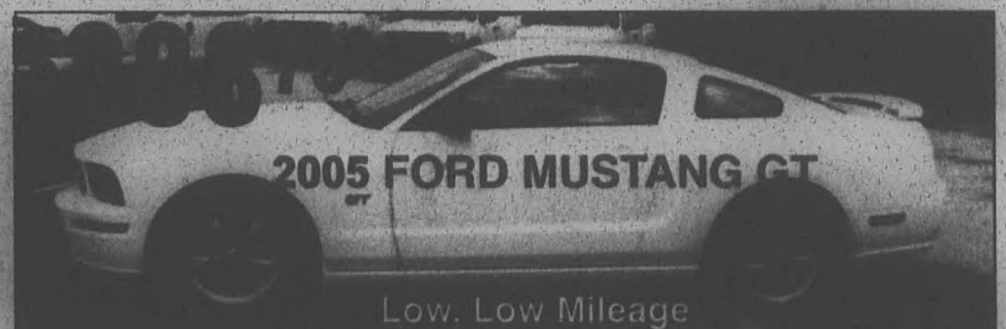


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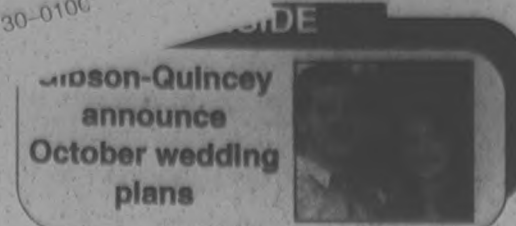
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Coffee County BOE approves FY2009 budget

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Members of the Coffee County Board of Education met Thursday, Sept. 11, and voted unanimously to approve the Fiscal Year 2009 budget.

After holding two required public hearings and upon the recommendation of Superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram board members voted to approve the budget as presented. Following the board's action, Dr. Ingram said she especially wanted to say "thank you" to Glenda Glass, the school system's chief financial officer, for her work in preparing the budget. She said Glass had worked long and hard and did an outstanding job. Board members echoed Ingram's comments.

The approved FY2009 budget included \$19,293,098 in total revenues. The total expenditures were \$22,257,814 with other fund sources equalling \$1,132,198 (this included \$1,087,198 for 2008 leveraged funds received).

One item in the budget that brought a smile to the faces of the superintendent and board members was the debt service line item. This column was zeroed out because the school system does not owe a bond issue locally.

Also during last Thursday's meeting, board members voted to approve the FY2009 Capital Plan for the school system.

Currently, there are 11 capital plan projects already in progress. With the approval of the FY2009 Capital Plan last week, the next project in line will be additions at Zion Chapel School to include more classrooms and the construction of a new band room.

Dr. Ingram said this school continues to grow and is up 55 students this new school year. "If we don't start planning for the growth, we're going to end up in portables again," said Ingram. "I don't think this band wants that."

Dr. Ingram also said there is a definite need for a new band room at Zion Chapel. The band has increased from 30-something members last year to 65 members this year, and the superintendent said the current band room is not sufficient for the current size of the band.

"It's exciting to say we need to build because of growth," Dr. Ingram said.

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Montgomery nurse with ties to Elba dies following assault and robbery

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

Brenda Sherard, the 53-year-old Montgomery nurse who died last Saturday following a Thursday night assault and robbery, had strong Elba ties.

She was the youngest of five children of the late Wayne and Addie Pearl Wicker. Wayne Wicker, born and raised in Elba, was killed in a car wreck when Brenda was 2-years-old. Addie Pearl Wicker was raised between Elba and Opp.

Wayne Wicker was a brother to Mrs. Robert Howard and Mrs. Arthur D. Smith, both of Elba.

Police reports and family members relate that Brenda and her husband Johnny had just pulled into their driveway Thursday evening after eating out at an area restaurant when three young men walked up to their car.

The first thing Mr. Sherard knew, there was a pistol pointed at his face. One of the robbers took his wallet and discarded it in disgust after discovering it contained no money.

Mrs. Sherard started screaming for help as they attempted to take her purse, which contained keys to some secure lockers at the hospital. A neighbor down the street walked outside and one of the robbers fired a shot into the air as they ran away.

Mr. Sherard ran around the car to find his wife lying on the ground bloodied from an obvious pistol whipping. She later died in the hospital.

Police have no suspects but are following several leads.

Four local businesses donate GPS units to Coffee County EMS

by Brian Blair, Staff Writer

Last week four local businesses made a donation to the community in the form of two GPS units, which were presented to Coffee County EMS.

Rory Vignola, EMT with Coffee County EMS, said he had thought about the idea for some time. It was during this time that he spoke with Ted Vignola, owner of Time Limited Forestry about the idea.

"He told me to find out information on pricing and to let him know back," said Vignola. Vignola stated he located the units and then spoke with Dennis Lawford, owner of Lawford Construction.

"He literally handed me cash money on the spot and told me to go and purchase the units," said Vignola.

After this, Vignola said he contacted Jimmy Cook, owner of Cook Chevrolet/Cook Ford and also contacted Dale Jackson, owner of Jackson Forestry Service.

"All were more than happy to assist the community, as well as, all of us at Coffee County EMS in having better technology and better response times," said Vignola.

With all checks and cash in hand, Vignola purchased the units last Friday, and they were installed the same night.

Vignola also said the units were used over the weekend and worked well.

Danny Jordan, Coffee County EMS, said the units will not only help emergency responders around the area but also will assist when making patient transfers to other cities.

"We transport patients to other hospitals in Mobile, Birmingham and Montgomery," said Jordan. "This will help in those cities as well, especially when in larger cities you have blocks and blocks of hospitals."

Jordan restated the two donated GPS units will assist responders in better serving the community.

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